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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): **Tapio MANSIKKANIEMI ET AL.**
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For: **WIRELESS FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 25, 2001

SIR:

Preliminary to any action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 11 and 16 as follows:

11. (Amended) A wireless group bulletin board comprising:
a server containing bulletin board data, said data
including a plurality of messages;
a plurality of wireless devices, forming a group;
said wireless devices being wirelessly connected to said
server so as to provide each of said plurality of wireless
devices with equal access to said bulletin board data and to
allow each of said plurality of wireless devices the ability
to add new data thereto.

16. (Amended) A method of accessing a group bulletin board comprising:

providing a server containing bulletin board data;
wirelessly connecting a plurality of wireless devices to
said server;
accessing said bulletin board data from said wireless
devices;
displaying said bulletin board data on said wireless
devices as notes arranged on a screen.



R E M A R K S

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By way of the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 11 and 16 to utilize the word "group" instead of the word "family". This change does not introduce any new matter, but is designed to indicate that the people using the bulletin board need not be a literal family of blood relatives, but any associated group. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination. Accordingly, an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

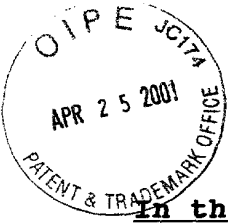
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Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 11 and 16 as follows:

11. (Amended) A wireless [family] group bulletin board comprising:

a server containing bulletin board data, said data including a plurality of messages;

a plurality of wireless devices, forming a [family] group;

said wireless devices being wirelessly connected to said server so as to provide each of said plurality of wireless devices with equal access to said bulletin board data and to allow each of said plurality of wireless devices the ability to add new data thereto.

16. (Amended) A method of accessing a [family] group bulletin board comprising:

providing a server containing bulletin board data;

wirelessly connecting a plurality of wireless devices to said server;

accessing said bulletin board data from said wireless devices;

displaying said bulletin board data on said wireless devices as notes arranged on a screen.